



Type B Accident Investigation

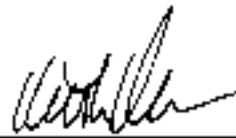


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**U.S. Department of Energy Response
to the 24 Command Wildland Fire on
the Hanford Site – June 27-July 1, 2000**

On June 10, 2000, I appointed a Type B Accident Investigation Board to investigate the June 27, 2000, Hanford Site Fire in Richland, Washington. The Board's responsibilities have been completed with respect to this investigation. The analysis, identification of contributing and root causes, and judgments of need reached during the investigation were performed in accordance with DOE O 225.1A, Accident Investigations.

I accept the report of the Board and authorize release of this report for general distribution.



Keith A. Klein
Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office

Oct. 27, 2000

Date

This report is an independent product of the Type B Accident Investigation Board appointed by Keith A. Klein, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Richland, Washington.

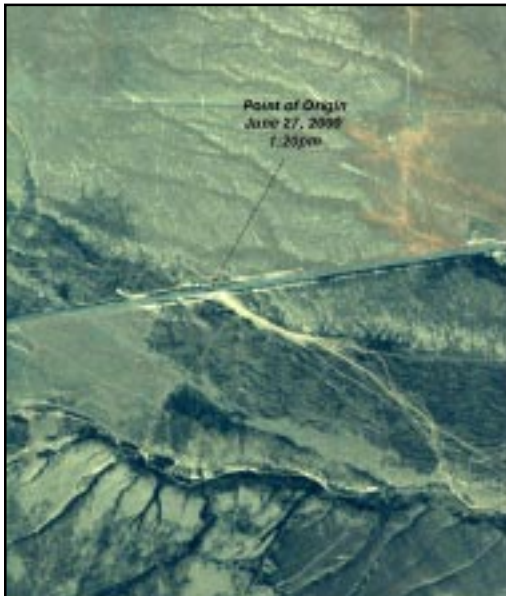
The Board was appointed to perform a Type B investigation of this accident and to prepare an investigation report in accordance with DOE O 225.1A, Accident Investigations.

The discussion of facts, as determined by the Board, and the views expressed in the report do not assume and are not intended to establish the existence of any duty at law on the part of the U.S. Government, its employees or agents, contractors, their employees or agents, or subcontractors at any tier, or any other party.

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Fire destruction at accident scene